Railway Guide Book

888. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of copies of Railway Guide Book published by Railways; and

(b) what are the places where these copies are available for general public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 3,00,000 copies.

(b) The copies of the "Passenger Handbook" have been sent to all the Zonal Railways for sale at major railway stations.

Construction of Express Highways by Private Sector

889. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to entrust to the private sector to construct Express Highways in the country out of their own resources and allow them to be maintained and hired by them;

(b) if so, what are the routes which have been included in the preliminary list of such Express Highways; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider an Express Highway between Madras and Kanyakumari?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No concrete proposal has so far been received from Private Sector in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

फर्रुखाबाद-शिकोहाबाद लाइन बाई पास पर समपार का निर्माण

890. **श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर रेलवे को फर्रुखाबाद के जिलाधिकारी एवं अधिशासी अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग फर्रुखाबाद से 1986 से फर्रुखाबाद-शिकोहाबाद लाइन पर किलोमीटर 1317/3.5 से नवनिर्मित बाई पास के लिये समपार बनवाने का आग्रह करते हुये अनेक पत्र प्राप्त हुये हैं, यदि हां, तो उन पर अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इस समपार की अत्यधिक उपयोगिता को देखते हुये शीघ्र इसके निर्माण कार्य पूरा करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) (क) : कि०मी० 1317/4–5 पर एक समपार पहले ही मौजूद है तथापि राज्य लोक निर्माण विभाग ने कि०मी० 1316/12–13 पर एक अन्य समपार का प्रस्ताव किया है जिसे रेलवे द्वारा निक्षेप शर्तों के आधार पर शुरू किया जाएगा । तदनुसार कार्यकारी अभियन्ता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, फर्रुखाबाद को आवश्यक प्रारंभिक प्रभार जमा करने के लिये लिखा गया है ।

(ख) रेलों के पास अनुमानित लागत जमा करके के बाद कार्य शुरू किया जायेगा ।

Track-electrification on Amritsar-Delhi Section

891. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have considered the desirability of electrification of track on Amritsar Delhi Section; and

(b) if so by when this is likely to be undertaken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Electrification of only Delhi-Ambala-Ludhiana section has been proposed. Planning Commission have been requested to accord their clearance for taking up this work.

Opposition to grant of autonomy to colleges of Delhi University

892. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University Teachers Association has strongly opposed the idea of granting autonomy to colleges of Delhi University;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for their opposition;

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether any meeting has been held with the DUTA on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) The Delhi University Act, 1922 empowers the University to confer autonomy on Colleges conducting courses of study in the Faculty of Medicine, Technology, Music and Fine Arts. In pursuance of the National Policy on Education, 1986 which envisages the development of autonomous colleges in large numbers, the Delhi University (Amendment) Bill seeks to widen the powers of the University to enable it to declare any college in its jurisdiction as autonomous. The Delhi University (Amendment) Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha in the monsoon session of 1988. The Delhi University Teachers Association (DUTA) has been demanding that the Bill be withdrawn as it would affect the federal character of the University adversely. Representives of DUTA have been meeting Ministers/officials in the Government from time to time to discuss some of their demands. This issue has also come up during discussions. The matter is under consideration.

Air linking of Jalandhar to Delhi and Chandigarh

893. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of linking Jalandhar in Punjab to Delhi and Chandigarh by air; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Subject to availability of operational airfield and aircraft capacity, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Jalandhar during the current plan period.

Recruitment of pilots by National Airlines

894. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pilots recruited by Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during the last one year; and

(b) how many out of the successful candidates are the wards of service personnel of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Since 1st April, 1988, Air India has recruited 3 co-pilots and 14 trainee pilots; Indian Airlines recruited 105 trainee pilots and Vayudoot recruited 9 pilots.